[From the Second Edition.] ... IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE. N. O. Picayune Extra. Friday, Nov. 4-12 o'clock, M. LOSS OF STEAMSHIP NEPTUNE.

The U. S. sloop of war St. Mary's sailed from Tempico on Saturday, the 28th ult., at

Captain Rollins, of the steamship Neptune, came passenger on the St. Mary's, and arrived in the city this morning. He the place of gun powder, but your Comreports that the steamship Neptune arrived at Tampico on the 22d November, with 450 regular troops under command of Col. Gates, and the steamer Sea, on the 23d, with 200 more. These are the same troops we announced on the 26th ultimo.] mally handed over by the Naval force immediately garrisoned, under the name of Fort Conner, and armed with two long 8pounders. A battery of two 42 pound cannonades (called Fort Ann, in honor of Mrs. Chase, lady of the late American Consul at And besides these some field pieces are mounted on the house tops.

The town of Tampico is already in a good state of defence and reinforcements are arriving daily. The State of Mexico-is represented to be in a worse condition than ever. Santa Anna lately addressed his that the report and accompanying letter be troops, apparently with the view to exact | printed. from them an invitation to assume the command of the Government. It was under stood that he was much disappointed in his expectations, as the Army received his address in profound silence. He immediately afterwards started with all his cavalry, it was stated, on a scouting expedition. manufacture of the "Explosive Cotton," Some supposed it was to cut off one of the divisions of the American Army, but the municate to the House of Representatives, better opinion seemed to be that he had is as follows: gone to the city of Mexico to watch and direct the new Congress, which was to con vene about the 1st of December.

The St. Mary's left off the bar of Tampi co the frigate Potomac, steamer Princeton, sloop-of-war John Adams and the smaller vessels of the fleet, under command of Commodore Conner. The steamer Sea was ashore abreast the town on a mud bank. She in small quantities at a time, care being would sail for Brazos Santiago as soon as taken that it is equally and thoroughly she gets affont. Met the U.S. steam ship moistened by the liquid. At the expig-Mississippi sixty miles north of Tampico tion of from forty-live minutes to an hour bound in, Officers of the St. Mary's all and a half, varying with the temperature,

the 24th ult. She encountered a norther, cess is completed by drying the Cotton. was driven back and wrecked on the bar, All hands saved-the vessel an entire loss.

EXPLOSIVE COTTON.

IN SENATE, Dec. 3d, 1846. Report of the Special Committee, appoin ted to act with a similar Committee of the House of Representatives, and to confer with Dr. Ellet on his discovery of gun cotton.

The Special Committee appointed by the use. Senate and instructed to act with a similar Committee of the House of Representalives, on a communication from Dr. Ellet, proposing to disclose a cheaper process of experiments in the small way, that it will manufacturing Gun Cotton, have had that not exceed forty or forty-five cents per subject under consideration, and beg leave pound. The whole operation is extremeto submit the following report.

merit of being the first on this side of the negro in a few hours, Atlantic, as far as your Committee are aware, which combines certainty in its results with cheapness in the manufacture,
and up to the present time no discovery has

the discitor of the Railroad. The discitor of the discitor of the Railroad. The discitor of the discitor of the Railroad. The discitor of the discitor and up to the present time no discovery has tre or Nitrate of Soda used, is such as is reached your Committee of any process of precessary to wet the whole Cotton. By a making the explosive Cotton of any prac- | Serew or Lever press, a considerable quantical use beyond the experiments of the la- tity of the liquid can beforced out previous

The method of Schonbein in preparing a second process. the cotton has not been divulged. Otto's method is expensive, and has not produced, washed out by the water, which will then as far as it has been tried in this country, contain Sulphuric Acid. If now any variety the expected results; and the labours of A |of Limestone or Marl be added to this limerican Chemists have not hitherto been quid until it is saturated, a s line mass will entirely successful.

periments in the manufacture of Explosive a mixture perhaps as admirable as any that Cotton, he was in possession of no further can be conceived for use in agriculture as a information of the materials of which it manure. I with some confidence predict, the Washington Light Infantry, the Moul. the first time, viz:- A billto define the terms was composed, than that cotton was a part, and that an explosive substance had been prepared, which had many of the properties of gun powder. From his very necurate knowledge of Chemistry an agent supgested itself to him, which he thought would produce a like result, and his first experi ment with Nitric Acid, succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations. This took place on the 14th of October last. On the 31st of the same month, he used a mixture of Sulphuric and Nitric Acid, which was still more satisfactory, and on the 19th of best authority, that a correspondence has November he completed his process for the taken place between the Secretary of State manufacture of the Explosive Cotton, for the United States and the authorities of teers, though we individually regret the Accompanying the report is a letter from part of the House to wait on the Governor

be laid before the Legislature. has exerted such an important influence on possession. - Char. Eve. News. the condition of society, may be entirely superseded by the new discovery. Among It is asserted that the most cordial good that they will ever upheld it in the day of posing on to morrow, at half past 12 o'clock, some of the remarkable properties of the feeling exists between General Scott and buttle and in the hour of victory; that they to go into an election of a Senator in Con-Explosive Cotton which your committee General Taylor, and that it is the express will temper rigor with justice, and victory gress to supply the vacancy occasioned by Lieut. Governor of the State of South-Carmight enumerate, it is said to possess four wish of the latter that Gen. Scott should with mercy. times greater power than gun powder, and take the command of our army in Mexico. it has been estimated in weight as high as Gen S. is believed to have rendered the one of the former to seven of the latter. War Department the most efficient services How much further science may carry, and in the conduct of the war -- the lines of through your columns, of expressing on mittee on the resolution appropriating the experiments illustrate this remarkable in march, the apportionment of the troops, behalf of my fellow soldiers and brother sum of twenty thousand dollars to be exvention, no one can foresce.

The discovery of the Explosive Cotton is ico, it is easid, with a carte blanche from the formily kind, generous, and hospitable rers to equip the Regiment of South Caro, interesting to this Legislature, and to the administration, which asked his council, treatment received by the Sumter Volun. In a Volunteers for service in the war whole South in general, in another point of and promptly adopted it, concerning future view. If no other substance than cotton operations.—Char. Cour.

Described. is to be used as an ingredient in the manufacture of this explosive substance, and its use is to supersedo wholly or in a great degree that of gun powder, it must necessari 3 o'clock, P.M., and arrived off the Rio ly consume a very large amount of our Grande at & A. M.; on the 30th, where she greatest staple, and thereby much enhance house at the S. W. Pass. than the conjectures which have been from ed as to the probable amount of cotton which will be used if it is destined to take mittee would hazard, the supposition that it would consume from one half to the whole cotton crop of South Carolina.

Whatever may be the future results from the use of the Explosive Cotton, your Comwhose departure from Brazos for Tampico mittee think that Dr. Ellet deserves the On highest credit for having by the mere aid their arrival at Tampico the city was for of science made a discovery which has aluded the investigations of so many others, there to the Army. Fort Andoniga was and which is reflected upon the cherished State institution of which he is a member. Your Committee therefore recommend

the adoption of the following resolutions,: Resulved. That the thanks of this Legislature be tendered to Dr. W. H, Ellet, of Tampico,) commands the Altamira road, the South Carolina College, for the communication addressed to the Committee imparting to them the information as to the discovery of his process for making the Explosive Cotton.

> Resolved, That a copy of this report and resolutions be transmuted to Dr. Ellet, and

> > JOSEPH A. BLACK, Chairman.

DR. ELLET'S LETTER!

South-Carolina College, Nov 27, 1816. Gentlemen: The process which I have discovered for the cheap and expeditions and which I wish, through you, to com-

For each pound of Cotton employed, ten pounds and three quarters of Od of Vitriol, and four and one hulf pounds of Balt Petre, are to be used.

The Salt Petre, in the state of a coarse powder, is to be dissolved in the Oil of Vitriol, the mixture placed in a broad and shallow vessel, and the Cotton introduced the mass is to be freely washed with large The Neptune sailed from Tampico on quantities of water-after which the pro

> This process may be considerably economized, by substituting for the Salt Petre, which is the most expensive article employed, the Nitrate of Soda, a cheaper substance, and which will be equally effective in smaller quantities. - As I have not been able to learn the precise cost of the Nitrate of Soda, in the large way, it is impossible to state accurately, the precise amount of advantage to be derived from its

With reference to the cost of the "Explosive Cotton," manufactured by my process, I state my conviction, based upon ly simple in its character, and can be fully The discovery of Professor Ellet has the taught to, and practised by, an intelligent

> There is another matter connected with to washing with water and can be used in the rigorous vigilance of a martial life.

That which the Cotton still retains, is of Limestone or Marl be added to this inter-company, the Magnolia Farm, near quid until it is saturated, a schine mass will be formed, consisting of Sulphate of Lime, Charleston about 5 in the afternoon, and ered and unanimously agreed to.

Charleston about 5 in the afternoon, and ered and unanimously agreed to. When Professor Ellet made his first ex- Sulphate of Potash, and Nitrate of Limethat the value of this purely incidental product will greatly diminish the cost of furnishing the Explosive Conton-reducing, perhaps, from thirty to fifty per cent. the simate I have above given.

I have the honor to be, Most respectfully, Your obed't, serv't. WILLIAM II. ELLET.

LETTERS OF MARQUE. - A letter from Washington to New York states on the which he has communicated in a letter ad. Cuba, touching the fitting out of Mexican present loss of many a dear friend, we Prof. Ellet divulging the secret which is as dressed to the committee of the House, to Letters of Marque, in the ports of that Is collectively rejoice in the spirit manifested follows, viz:—to I lb. of cotton, add 10 3-4 ing a similar committee on the part of the It is too soon yet to predict what may the most positive assurances have been re- kindred, for the honor and defence of their petre, the saltpetre is first to be dissolved erapoon, and Johnson, were appointed said be the consequences of this discovery to turned both by the government of Cuba and common country. Theirs be the gallant in the acid, after which the cotton is to be the world. It is supposed to possess many that of the mother country, that the terms bearing of the soldier, the merciful justice immersed in the mixture in small quantities qualities for practical use far superior to of the Treaty will be most religiously ad. of the conqueror, and the noble conduct at a time until the whole is saturated; the gun powder, and it is possible that this bered to. No privateers, of any description, of the injured. To our Sumter brothers, solution to be pressed out of the cotton; it Guardians. A Bill to alter the law in relagreat element of human destruction, which will be suffered to depart from any Spanish thus marching to a foreign land, we wish is then to be washed in clear water and thon to Magistrate's executions, and the du-

THE BANNER:

SUMTERVILLE, S. C.

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1846.

PERIODICALS. We have received from Messrs. SAXTON

& MILES, Publishers, 205 Broadway, N. Y., the December humber of the "American Agriculturist.". The Terms of this valuable periodical will be found in our paper of this week.

... LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS.

Chancellor David Johnson, having resigned his seat on the Bench, has been elected Governor of this State.

Gen, J. J. CALDWELL has been elected Chancellor in the place of Chancellor David Johnson, resigned.

Judge A. P. BUTLER, has been elected gress, in the place of the Hon, George who found every arrangement for their McDullie, resigned.

The Hon, John C. CALHOUN has been re-elected Senator from this State, for six years, to the U. S. Senate,

Col, Tnos. J. WETHERS has been elected Law Judge in the place of the Hon. A. P. Butler, resigned.

COTTON.

The Charleston market sales, for the bales, and receipts in the same time were 14.473 bales. The prices varied from 8 to 10 cents per pound; inferior and ordinagood fair to fine 9 3 4 to 10 cents. Our

SUMTER VOLUNTEERS.

A meeting of "The Sumters" was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., and an election for an additional second lieutenant, agreehis usual excellent style.

in evident desire on the part of the officer at once to enter on the duties of the soldier, and to accustom their commands to

At the rail road, "The Sumters" were met ter Company, amounting in all to 360 men, solution recommends the appropriation of and rejected. were escorted to tents prepared for their House .-- Pursuant to notice given, the campengaged in all necesary arrangements and South-Carolina Rail Road Company. for the accommodation of the volunteers already there and those expected.

The several companies throughout the mustered into service during this week.

success, life and fortune. We feel that to dried, when it will be fit for use.

For the Banner.

the points of attack, &c. He goes to Mex- officers our acknowledgments for the uni- pended under the direction of the Field Offi- James J. Caldwell 36

House through Statesburgh to the Santee river. We go to the Mexican war, strong in the strength inspired by a good cause, was elected to-day. Senator in Congress, in the love and affection of our fellow citi-zens, with an eagerness to uphold the honor of Sunter and the Palmette State, and next, in the Congress of the United States.

the cause of our common country

For the Banner. SUMTERVILLE ACADEMY.

public speaking. At an early hour the hibiting practitioners in the Courts of law Academy was splendidly illuminated, and and equity of this State, from becoming sein a very short time, filled to almost over- curities upon the official bonds of district Senator from this State to the U. S. Con- flowing by a highly respectable andience, officers. being had, the exercises were commenced: Senate, a communication from the Honand now the countenance of every little David Johnson, resigning his sent as a Cicero beamed with anxiety and delight. Chancellor of the State, which was laid on

pleasant and comfortable reception. Prayer while each seemed to say "I am ready."
The first speaker, whom we had the pleasure of hailing, was Master CLAREMONT by Mr. Moses, an infant of some four or five years;

Moses, an infant of some four or five years;

Resolved, That the Committee on Fihis subject, "The Good Little Boy," and nance and Banks he instructed to enquire really we could perceive nothing contrary really we could perceive nothing contrary and report on the expediency and propriesweetly lisped his well committed piece, week ending Friday, Dec. 11, were 9,649 to the admiration of all. The next was stock, equal to two thirds of the amount Master M. A. BRUNSON, who was also a lad of tender years; his subject, "The Sailor." which was accurately committed, and con-sidering his youth, well spoken. Then ceeds of sale at par, of any portion of the ry 8 to 8 3.4; middling to middling fair 9 followed many others of nearly the same State stock in the South-Carolina Rail Road to 9 1.4; fair to fully fair 9 3.8 to 9 5.8; age; amongst these, Masters Jos. & T. W. Company due the State-or any portion of DINKINS, MYER, ZALEOMAN and FRANKLIN the surplus revenue which may be hereaf. Mosts, Jos. WILDER and WM. CLARK, icr received from the Federal Government reports, of course, always refer to Upland particularly attracted our notice, as exhibi- under the Act of Congress; and that the said ting in their performances many of the Committee have leave to report by bill or DELORME Spoke "What is Time" in a distinet and spirited manner. Musters GRIER tion requiring the Governor to app int an WHITE, FRANKLIN FOLSOM and PRESTON GAYLE, acquitted themselves with much and present the claims of this State against ably to the late order of the War Department. Mr. Jas. D. Blanding was elected to this office, and Mr. Thos. M. Baker of the Salar of the War Department. EDWARD and JOHN Great Britain, and for payments made from Orderly Sergeant, in the place of Mr. Convers, Jos. Lewis and John Nelson.

The Dialogue of Fitz James and Rhoderic Blanding promoted by election. The Dia extracted from Scott's "Lady of the company partook of a dinner provided by Lake," was admirably sustained by Mas- authorized to fix reasonable compensation Mr. John China, which was prepared in ters Jas. McDowall and EDWARD Con-YERs; the former of whom closed the On Monday afternoon, the 7th inst., address to the Senate, with great force and 'The Sumters," with the requisite number eloquence. We would extend our remarks of men, marched from the Court House, farther, but for the present must desist, as under the command of Capt. F. Sunter, we are informed the editor has a rule upon and, ability with which the Hon. David to Shot Pouch Camp, about two miles from that subject; and we would do so returning Johnson has discharged bis duties amone of: to Shot Pouch Camp, about two miles from our hearty thanks to Mr. Russell, for the subject; and we would do so returning Johnson, has discharged that subject; and we would do so returning the Judges and Chancellors of the State.

Sumterville, and there remained for the delightful entertainment his excellent tunded. That the letter by which he senate night. On the succeeding day, they march- torship has afforded us; together with our ed within a mile of Stateburg to camp best wishes to his pupils, hoping that they Sumter, and there passed the night. The may spend their holidays in profitable and residents of the vicinity provided wagons again address themselves to those studies. The Resolutions were read, and referred in which they reached Gadsden depot on and pursuits which alone, blended with with sundry Resolutions from the House the next day, and on the 10th, arrived in the mild influences of Religion, can fit on the same subject, to a Special Com-

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS. DECEMBER 2, 1846.

SENATE .- The report and resolutions of the Special Joint Committee, appointed to

reception by a detachment composed of following Bills were introduced and read the Washington Light Infantry, the Moule upon which the State will aid in the contribution of Mag-trie Guards and the Charleston Volunteers; struction of Rail Roads. A Bill to abolish istrates, and to extend their jurisdiction in the whole under the command of Captain the office of Superintendent of Public cases arising on contracts which was read BETTS. Lieut. Col. Dickinson is at the Works, and a Bill to charter the Charlotte the first time. On the sixth ballot to-day, B. K. HEN-NEGAN was elected Secretary of State.

pected that the Palmetto Regiment will be communication from Professor Ellet in re- morrow.

them the honor of Sumter is dear; and A Message was sent to the House prothe resignation of the Hon. George Mc- olina. Duffie:

House,-The House proceeded to con-

with a burning desire to obtain justice in On the fourth hallot, the Hon. A. Butler was also elected a Senator in the Congress on country.

AN OFFICER. of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the rasignation of the Honganner.

George McDuffie. The vote stood as fol-SUMTERVILLE ACADEMY.

The half yearly examination of the Pullows, vir. A. P. Buller S5; James H. Hammond 62; Wm. F. Collevek S; Scattering 5.

House.—Pursuant in holice. a Bill was on Thursday and Friday last. The promption and to equalize their compensation, according to the compensation, according to the compensation. clusses responded to the many, and searching to their residences. Also, a Bill so ing typestions propounted, but a ample after the law in relation to the election of testimony to their proficiency. On the whole, the occasion was such, as gave general satisfaction to parents and all interested; while it reflected honor upon the able Principal Ma. Russett.

Mr. Torre, submitted a resolution in the avening appropriate to the second sime.

The examination closed on the evening structing the Judiciary Committee to enof the latter day, with an exhibition of quire and report on the expediency of pro-

SENATE.—The President laid before the

on the part of the State, for an amount of taken by Stockholders in any Rais Road Company, to be chartered by the State-

House .-- Mr. Parter, submitted a resoluagent who shall proceed to Washington, our Treasury, to the volunteers from this State, who were in the service of the U. Sintes in the Florida war, and, that he be for the services of such agent.

SENATE.—The following Resolutions were offered by Mr. Witherspoon
Resolved, That the Legislature enter-

ains, the profoundest respect for the purity.

Resolved. That the letter by which he' has this day communicated to the Senate his resignation as one of the Chancellors of the State, bo-received, and entered as

the State House, and proceeded to the South-Carolina College to attend the commencement, and adding and

A Bill to give jurisdiction to Magistrates inquire into the expediency of equipping for the trial of trespasses on personal propby the "Hammond Guards" from Barnwell, the Volunteer Regiment of Infantry, from erty, when the damage does not exceed the "96 Boys" from Edgefield and the Ches. this State, for the Mexican war, which re- twenty dollars, was read, the second lime.

> where the defendant nepally resides. SENATE, Dec. &.
> Pursuant to notice. Mr. Henry introdu-

Mr. Perrin submitted a resolution appropriating the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be placed at the disposal of Professor Ellet, to enable him to experiment in the SENATE .- Mr. BLACK from the Special great staple of cotton, and that the same be State are rapidly organizing; and it is ex- Joint Committee to whom wast referred the paid to him. Ordered for consideration to-

lation to the explosive "gun cotton," The House by message, informed the Sesubmitted a report which was ordered for nate, that Messas, Wallace, Simms and Gil-In the departure of the Sumter Volun- consideration to-morrow and to be printed. lison, were appointed a committee on the elect, to inform him of his election, and askland. In reply to Mr. Buchanan's letter, by those who have left all, their homes and Ibs. of sulphuric acid and 41-2 lbs. of salt- Senate-whereupon, Messrs. Ashe, With-

committee. House .- A Bill to increase the jurisdicty of Sheriffs, as to executions in their offi-

The Hon. David Johnson was to-day elected Governor, and the Hon. Wm. Cain,

There were two ballots for Chancellor, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the MR. EDITOR: I take the opportunity, sider the report of the Special Joint Com- resignation of the Hon. David Johnson. which resulted as follows, viz:

2d Ballot.